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Sparta Prague's winger Pavel Dyba and David Zeman, the Sydney Prague stopper, strain every muscle in this tense incident of last Friday's international match. The Czechoslovakian visitors ran out easy winners 5-0.

## SPARTA SHOULD HANDLE PAN HELLENIC

If the Sparta players can avoid further stomach disorders and thus field a complete and fit team against Pan Hellenic next Monday afternoon at Wentworth Park we may see some fireworks from them.

Provided of course that we won't have heatwave conditions for that afternoon.

Sparta's defence was hardly tested by the Prague raiders last week but appeared quite capable of withstanding anything Pan Hellenic can throw at them.

All are excellent players with more than average speed and their 4-2-4 system enables them to mass their defence very rapidly.

The Sparta forwards, this time probably with a fit Kvasnak and Pospichal, should turn on some fine entertainment.

We would like to see once again Mozis, this fine mid-field man in action, not to mention Vesely, that ferocious little speedster.

Pan Hellenic last year caused a stir by holding Slovan to a draw and no doubt will set out to record yet another eyebrow-raising result.

Pan Hellenic have been training for this match since after Christmas as they are determined to maintain their good record against overseas teams.

Last year Pan Hellenic played some of their best football of the season against foreign sides.

They performed magnificently to hold Slovan Bratislava, Sparta's great local Czech rivals, to a 1-1 draw, and later in the year gave a sparkling display to hold Hong Kong's Sing Tao to a 4-4 draw.

Pan Hellenic have superior dash and greater overall strength to put up a far better showing than Prague against the visitors.

Sparta may have a tough fight on their hands, particularly if Pan Hellenic can get off to a good start and not concede any morale-shattering early goals.

However, unless something goes amiss in the Sparta camp, the Sydney side may have to curb their ambitions.

It would be a pleasant surprise if they managed to hold the visitors to anything better than a fairly comfortable victory.

But if there is one team at this early stage of the season that can pull off a shock result, it's Pan Hellenic — especially if they get off to a good start in the Ampol Cup against Melita Eagles on Friday night.

Although logic commands us to tip Sparta to end Pan Hellenic's unbeaten run in international matches, the Czech artists may be extended.

**Likely teams:**

**Pan Hellenic:** Maglis (Rade-macher); Johnston, Omeros; Sanchez, Cole, McCulloch; Demos, Smith, Westwater, Karyannis, Logan.

**Sparta:** Kramerius, Hudcovsky, Tichy, Kos, Vojta, Migas, Pospichal, Mozis, Kvasnak, Dyba, Vesely. Reserves: Kouba, Laciga, Jurkanin, Vrana, Vojta, Kritn, Jilek and Chovanec.

Referee: H. Parsons.

## TOUR OF ASIA CERTAIN, A.S.F. EXECUTIVE DECIDES

Australia's national team will make an eight-week tour of Asia, taking in the Far and Middle East, in October-November this year.

The tour, the most ambitious and extensive ever undertaken by an Australian soccer side, will start in the first week of October.

The Australian Federation Executive, meeting in Sydney last weekend, agreed to go ahead with the tour which has been in the offing since the middle of last year.

Matches will be played in New Guinea, New Caledonia, the Philippines, South Korea, Hong Kong, India, Singapore, Iran and Japan.

Thailand and Indonesia are also tentatively on the itinerary.

The touring party will include up to 22 players, a manager, assistant-manager, doctor, masseur and coach.

ASF vice-president Jim Bayutti, chairman of the National Team Committee, will be in charge of team selection and preparations.

Bayutti will work in close contact with members of the Australian Coaches Federation and State coaches in each State.

They will help him compile a preliminary list of national squad members, which will be announced in March.

The Australian Federation has set aside a yearly sum of \$15,000 for the implementation of a national team policy and Bayutti will waste no time setting the wheels in motion.

Once the preliminary squad, which will number about 40 players, is announced, files on the progress of every player will be kept and names will be added and deleted until an 18-player squad to play Scotland is announced.

The Scottish FA has agreed to play three matches in Australia, instead of two as originally planned.

After the Scottish tour the national squad will not disband.

While players will naturally revert to their clubs, they will meet regularly for technical coaching under a uniform program in each State.

At least three "trial" matches will be staged between national squad members before the Australian team leaves on tour.

Jim Bayutti said the ASF was fully committed to an efficient, well-run national team policy.

"The ASF has set aside \$15,000 a year to ensure Australia is ready for the 1970 World Cup elimination matches," he said.

"We have no time to waste and this is why we have mounted such an ambitious program this year.

"Even more intensive preparations are planned for 1968.

"The ASF will spare no money or effort as we are fully aware of the importance of achieving satisfactory international results."

Bayutti is convinced that a well-prepared Australian team will meet with success in Asia.

I couldn't agree with him more as from what I saw in Bangkok at the recent Asian Games (see page 5) a well trained Australian team would certainly not suffer in comparison with most Asian teams.

LOU GAUTIER.



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# CZECH VISITORS SWAMP PRAGUE, SHOW GAP BETWEEN US AND PROS

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Playing a neat, precise and at times clever version of the still highly attractive Central European brand of soccer, Sparta easily overwhelmed Prague (Sydney) to the tune of 5-0 in their tour opener.

This despite the fact that almost all their players suffered from a stomach disorder, caused by a long series of toasts at a reception one day before the match.

Several key players were unfit to play — Tichy, Pospichal and Jurkanin among them — and so the team had to be reshuffled in the 11th hour.

One cannot help wondering how many more goals they would have scored without this handicap and with a full side.

## Like Torpedo

As it was Sparta, according to their own officials, gave a "60 per cent. performance."

This was ample to bewilder and run Prague off their feet but not quite enough to send the crowd into ecstasy.

Sparta's style and overall strength are very similar to those of Slovan Bratislava we saw here last year.

The only strike one must award against them is that they overdid the close interpassing in their approach work, often trying to dance the ball into the net.

In this they looked more like Torpedo Moscow than Slovan.

All through the match it became once again painfully evident that our vastly under-trained, semi-fit part-timers simply have no chance against European teams with a pro outlook.

Sparta — just as most of our recent visitors — proved simply superior in tactical maturity, ball handling, speed of feet and thought and shooting power.

They played a "pure" 4-2-4 system with Kos the cool, elegant and most efficient sweeper-up in the rear.

Migas and Dyba were the midfield men, usually gaining possession of the ball and launching the attacks.

The forward line, at

least in the first half, was disappointing.

Kvasnak, star of this line, was off color and played only to make up the numbers; thus he seldom showed his true class.

In winger Vesely the Sydney fans saw a very fast, elusive and intelligent winger who, when the chips are down, seems capable of driving any defence demented.

Mozis, normally a wing half but this time a makeshift inside forward, was Sparta's best man.

This lanky blond fellow with surprising speed, carved his way through the Prague defence at will and displayed a magnificent talent for long range shooting.

His performance was somewhat reminiscent of that great Torpedo star, Brednev, without perhaps the Russian's power but with more elegance.

Prague, leaning heavily on youngsters as well as two guest players (Gawlik and Krawiarz) had a "new-look" about them.

## Good start

New — but not necessarily successful.

They started off well and in the first 15 minutes, mainly due to a sparkling Gauto, gave promise of staying in the match with Sparta.

However, soon enough Gauto intoxicated himself with the usual Latin American dribbling brew, lost his dash and concentrated far too much on a personal feud with Vojta.

Also, in the first half Prague's player-coach Venglos held together his defence in grand style.

But after the interval when several more youngsters were given a chance, Venglos took himself off the field — and there died Prague's cohesion.

Even so several of the Prague team gave a good display.

Young goalkeeper King was superb and certainly

saved his team from a much heavier defeat.

Newcomer Blacker as well as Tracey and in the second half Miner looked very promising recruits for 1967.

In the forward line Krawiarz was the sole motivator of events, after Gauto's quick eclipse.

Povey showed speed but not much else while Gawlik's condition didn't warrant him playing the full 90 minutes.

Details:

**Prague:** King (Maglis), Harcombe, Blacker, Tracey, Zeman, Venglos (Miner), Povey (Laing), Krawiarz (Armitage), Gauto, Gawlik, Lissing (R. Manuel).  
**Sparta:** Kramerius, Hudcovsky (Chovanec), Kos, Laciga, Vojta, Migas, Vesely, Mozis, Kvasnak, Dyba (Krtil), Vrana.

**Scorers:** Mozis 35 and 78 min., Migas 68 min., Krtil 69 min., Kvasnak 88 min.

Referee: N. Jones.

Crowd: 7,000.

## Now they're back to Blacktown

Blacktown Soccer Club, formerly Western United, are looking forward to the coming season with a feeling of quiet optimism.

They hope to sign on a couple of new players to bolster their playing strength, and they think that they can improve on last season's disastrous performance when only the expansion of the Second Division saved them from relegation.

A new committee has been formed with 10

directors, all local men, and they have appointed George Cousins, a former referee, as publicity manager for the club.

The club has taken a local junior side, Spartan Juniors, under their wing.

It is felt that in two or three years the club will start to reap the benefits of this youth policy.

## Forward sought

Recently officials have requested Bankstown Council instal floodlights at Bankstown Memorial Oval in preparation for possible Friday night matches.

The club is also seeking the services of an ex-

perienced forward to bolster the attack, which seems to be relying heavily on Stiffle and Bamforth.

Last year Bankstown's defence, led by Ray Hinksman and Doug Turnbull, proved to be very solid and the attack led by Nelson Stiffle was as equally penetrating.

Their creditable fourth place in the Second Division was an extremely fine effort against teams which were strongly fortified with imported players.

Several players give promise of another fine season.

Ray Hinksman, Doug Turnbull and Denis Madden should put in bright performances, whilst officials regard up-and-coming junior Peter Clark as an excellent prospect.

Bankstown's probable line-up for this year is:

Goalkeepers: Hans Friedl and L. Logan.

Backs: George Jamieson and Colin Fitzgerald.

Halves: Cliff McDermitt, Ray Hinksman and Doug Turnbull.

Forwards: Nelson Stiffle, Bobby Grange, Denis Madden, Roger Bamforth, Bill Shepherd and Ray Clark.

Under the careful guidance and training of coach Nelson Stiffle, this season could prove to be one of Bankstown's most eventful years for some time and 1968 could see them in First Division once again.

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## HE'S TREASURER FOR 25TH YEAR

At the annual general meeting of the Illawarra District Soccer Association, Bert Bampton was re-elected unopposed as treasurer for the 25th year in succession.

This undoubtedly must be a record in the history of N.S.W. soccer.

Bert Bampton — a most able treasurer — with his wide knowledge of all other sections of administration is one of the top men in local district soccer on the coast.

At the same meeting, Ross Kerr was re-elected president and Peter Banks as secretary-registrar.

Other officials include T. McDonald (senior vice-president) and Jack Sheppard (publicity officer).

It was decided to have a first and second division with reserves to both, a third grade with one team only and under-18 competition for 1967.

Nominations for all close on February 18, 1967. Next season's activities will be terminated with the playing of the grand finals.

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# AMPOL CUP BEGINS

## Melita could hand out first shock of season

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Pan Hellenic and Melita Eagles will officially kick off the 1967 club season when they meet at 7 p.m. at Marks Field on Friday night in the first match of the \$2,000 Ampol Cup.

Friday's late match is between Prague, five times winners of the Ampol Cup, and Hakoah, the 1957 winners and finalists in 1958, 1961 and 1966.

Another double-header will be played on Sunday afternoon at Wentworth Park, starting at 1.45 p.m. with APIA v. Canterbury, followed by South Coast v. St. George-Budapest at 3.15 p.m.

### Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles

Friday's early match heralds Melita Eagles' long-awaited entry in First Division.

After years of trying they finally gained promotion in 1966 by comfortably disposing of Corinthians in the promotion-relegation play-offs.

Their team on Friday, however, will bear little resemblance to the side that won promotion a few months ago.

During the off-season the management went on a buying spree to reinforce the team and acquired Mulqueeny and Woods from South Coast, Falzon from Prague, Hunter (Corinthians), Stajic from Yugoslavia (via Austria) and the promising 18-year-old former South Coast junior, Alex Stefanovic, who had a spell on the books of West Ham United in England.

Melita's baptism of fire is eagerly awaited in soccer circles as a strong Maltese-sponsored team would certainly bring into Sydney soccer a much-needed infusion of new spectators.

But whether all their new players can blend into a team so soon is a different matter. Although on paper theirs is a fair side, no miracles can be expected of them against Pan Hellenic.

Pan Hellenic are already fairly well advanced in their training and on Friday they will be all out for an impressive display to boost their morale — and the gate — for Monday's game against Sparta Prague.

Pan Hellenic have a wretched Ampol Cup record, but this year they seem to have an excellent chance to finish in the first two in their group and qualify for the semifinals.

Watch for: Alex Stefanovic, the talented young Melita Eagles winger, in his Sydney debut. Great things are expected of him in 1967.

### Hakoah v. Prague

These two old rivals have staged many a thriller over the years and Friday's late game may again be one.

Admittedly, Hakoah had a brilliant 1966 season and have much the same team as last year while Prague are still reeling from their worst ever season in 1966 and the loss of key players Sleight, Jones and Badaracco.

However, the Ampol Cup in the past has often shown how fickle form and predictions can be and at this early stage of the season the unexpected is often the rule rather than the exception.

With a tough match against Sparta under their belt, Prague will have had more match-play than their opponents.

Another factor that may shorten the odds against Pra-

gue is that Hakoah are slow starters every season.

They show up rather differently in their first Cup matches, improve by April, get going in August, then become quite irresistible until the end of the season.

This has been Hakoah's pattern in the last two years and could again repeat itself this year.

This match is likely to resolve itself in a duel between Hakoah's defence — the best in Australia for the last two seasons — and Prague's attack.

The Hakoah defence have experience, talent and perfect understanding working for them.

Prague's forward-line has lost Sleight, Badaracco and Kvacik, will be largely experimental on Friday night and faces an almost hopeless task.

We expect a close match to go Hakoah's way.

Watch for: Prague's new captain-coach, Josef Venglos, take a grip of the midfield in the 4-3-3 system he has devised for his team.

### APIA v. Canterbury

On paper, Sunday's early match looks like a mere formality for Australia's glamor team.

APIA have the same brilliant players that swept all opposition aside last year.

Canterbury could not have picked tougher opponents for their return to First Division.

While little remains to be said about APIA, Canterbury are a big mystery.

They have had a very quiet off-season and have bought no new players yet.

On the other hand they lost the three Greek stars largely responsible for their promotion in 1966 — Saravakos, Kontogiorgios and Argoudellis.

They will have to rely, for the time being at least, on the team that took part in the Second Division final round-robin where they lost to Polonia in the final.

What was good enough for Second Division, however, may prove painfully inadequate for the First Division.

Whichever way you look at it, Canterbury will be hard pressed to avoid defeat on Sunday.

Romanos, Paxinos and Vassilopoulos may give APIA some trouble, but anything else than a very comfortable APIA victory would come as a tremendous shock.

Watch for: Canterbury's live-wire Angelo Romanos, who's never stopped improving since leaving Pan Hellenic two years ago.

### South Coast v. St. George-Budapest

The outcome of Sunday's 3.15 p.m. game is hard to predict as both teams, especially St. George-Budapest, will be quite different from last year.

South Coast, with the return of Barnett and new acquisition Barnes, from England, and the loss of Mulqueeny, will have less youth in their side than in last year's Ampol Cup when they were represented by a very young team.

Saints, on the other hand, will rely heavily on youth to see them through.

They have no other choice to fill the gaps left by the departure of Fernandez, Yardley and Banicevic.

Their forward-line suffered a crippling blow with the loss of Yardley and Fernandez.

Of last year's brilliant, match-winning inside-trio only Warren remains and his task will be immense.

Their defence is basically unchanged with Stegbauer, Hillary, Schaefer and Isaac still on deck to give the side steadiness, and especially the experience needed to carry a youthful, mainly untried forward-line.

South Coast are expecting overseas reinforcements in time for the competition, but at the moment have to rely on a mixture of youth and experience.

How these two "new look" teams will fare on Sunday is a matter for conjecture.

Saints' defence looks stronger, but their forward line hinges around the form of John Warren.

We fancy a low-scoring draw, perhaps even a 0-0, here.

Watch for: The "find" of late 1966 — St. George-Budapest's teenage stopper, Morgan.

## CUP DRAW

GROUP A: Pan Hellenic, Melita Eagles, Prague, Hakoah, Croatia, Polonia.

GROUP B: APIA, Canterbury, South Coast, St. George-Budapest, Yugal, Cumberland.

Round 1. Friday 27.1.67 — E. S. Marks Field (Group A).

7.00 p.m. Pan-Hellenic v. Melita Eagles.  
8.30 p.m. Prague v. Hakoah.

Sunday 29.1.67 — Wentworth Park (B).

1.45 p.m. APIA v. Canterbury.  
3.15 p.m. South Coast United v. St. George.

Round 2 Friday 3.2.67 — E. S. Marks Field (B).

7.00 p.m. Yugal v. Cumberland United.  
8.30 p.m. APIA v. South Coast United.

Sunday 5.2.67 — Wentworth Park (A).

1.45 p.m. Croatia v. Polonia-NS.  
3.15 p.m. Pan Hellenic v. Prague.

Round 3. Friday 10.2.67 — E. S. Marks Field (A).

7.00 p.m. Croatia v. Melita Eagles.  
8.30 p.m. Polonia-NS v. Hakoah.

Sunday 12.2.67 — Wentworth Park (B).

1.45 p.m. Yugal v. Canterbury.  
3.15 p.m. Cumberland v. St. George-Budapest.

Round 4. Friday 17.2.67 — E. S. Marks Field (B).

7.00 p.m. South Coast United v. Canterbury.  
8.30 p.m. APIA v. Yugal.

Sunday 19.2.67 — Wentworth Park (A).

1.45 p.m. Prague v. Melita Eagles.  
3.15 p.m. Pan Hellenic v. Croatia.

Round 5. Friday 24.2.67 — E. S. Marks Field (A).

7.00 p.m. Hakoah v. Melita Eagles.  
8.30 p.m. Pan Hellenic v. Polonia-NS.

Sunday 26.2.67 — Wentworth Park (B).

1.45 p.m. St. George-Budapest v. Canterbury.  
3.15 p.m. APIA v. Cumberland United.

Round 6. Friday 3.3.67 — E. S. Marks Field (B).

7.00 p.m. Cumberland United v. South Coast Utd.  
8.30 p.m. Yugal v. St. George-Budapest.

Sunday 5.3.67 — Wentworth Park (A).

1.45 p.m. Polonia-NS v. Prague.  
3.15 p.m. Croatia v. Hakoah.

Round 7. Friday 10.3.67 — E. S. Marks Field (A).

7.00 p.m. Croatia v. Prague.  
8.30 p.m. Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah.

Saturday 11.3.67 — (to be advised) (A-B).

1.45 p.m. Polonia-NS v. Melita Eagles.  
3.15 p.m. Cumberland United v. Canterbury.

Sunday 12.3.67 — Wentworth Park (B).

1.45 p.m. Yugal v. South Coast United.  
3.15 p.m. APIA v. St. George-Budapest.

17.3.66 SEMI FINAL — E. S. Marks Field.

19.3.66 FINAL — Wentworth Park.

## THIS WEEKEND

### AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — 7 p.m., Marks Field.  
Hakoah v. Prague — 8.30 p.m., Marks Field.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

### AMPOL CUP

APIA v. Canterbury — 1.45 p.m., Wentworth Park.  
South Coast v. St. George-Budapest 3.15 p.m., Wentworth Park.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

SPARTA PRAGUE v. PAN HELLENIC — 3 p.m., Wentworth Park.

## NEXT WEEKEND

### AMPOL CUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Yugal v. Cumberland — 7 p.m., Marks Field.  
APIA v. South Coast — 8.30 p.m., Marks Field.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Croatia v. Polonia — 1.45 p.m., Wentworth Park.  
Pan Hellenic v. Prague — 3.15 p.m., Wentworth Park.

## LINE-UPS PROBABLE

### PAN HELLENIC

MAGLIS  
JOHNSTON  
OMEROS  
SANCHEZ  
COLE  
McCULLOCH  
DEMOS  
SMITH  
WESTWATER  
KARYANNIS  
LOGAN

### MELITA EAGLES

EATON  
WOODS  
FALZON  
JAROS  
CILIA  
HEWLETT  
STEFANOVIC  
HUNTER  
MULQUEENEY  
AZZOPARDI  
STAJIC

### HAKOAH

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HILLSDON  
WALSH  
MARNOCCH  
DUFFY  
EDMUNDS  
FEKETE  
HOOD  
HARDING  
HOLDEN

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HARCOMBE  
BLACKER  
TRACEY  
ZEMAN  
VENGILOS  
POVEY  
LAING  
GAUTO  
SCHEINFLUG  
LISSING

### APIA

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NUTTALL  
ACKERLEY  
HUGHES  
SAMBROOK  
BOTTALICO  
VAN BLERK  
CAMPANA  
WATKISS  
BLUE  
KERKLAAN

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DRIKOS  
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1957: Hakoah.  
1958: Canterbury.  
1959: Prague.  
1960: Budapest.  
1961: Prague.  
1962: Prague.  
1963: Yugal.  
1964: Prague.  
1965: Prague.  
1966: APIA.

## AMPOL CUP REFEREES

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles — A. Boskovic;  
Hakoah v. Prague — M. Buchanan; APIA v. Canterbury — L. Wilson; St. George-Budapest v. South Coast United — A. Sorbie.

WIN: 12 pts.  
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But don't let your interest in soccer stop there. Make the effort, whenever possible, of watching first or second division soccer as well, taking your family with you and giving the game the support without which it cannot grow and occupy the rank amongst sports in Australia which it fully deserves.

Why support soccer, you may ask? Well, here are some pretty good reasons. The 1967 season has been arranged to streamline operations from the very start. The Ampol Cup, starting this week, will have 12 teams including three colorful new additions — and not one team that can be termed a weakling. An increasing number of young Australian boys are emerging as future stars in all these teams, giving the game more local flavor than at any time in the last 10 years. Each and every week you'll see four teams engaged in a Cup-fight, in two splendid double-headers.

The competition season will be four weeks longer than last year — another bowing to a popular demand. However, the poorly supported Federation Cup has been cancelled to avoid making the season too fragmentary. So after the Ampol Cup we'll have the competition and finals and then the Australia Cup. All surefire crowd pleasers.

But that's not all. In May and June we'll have two of the finest teams in the world visiting us — Manchester United and the full Scotland side. You'll see players like Law, Charlton, Best, Stiles, Crerand, Herd, Baxter, Gilzean, Henderson and many others — some valued at \$250,000 and more!

At the end of the year, an Australian team will make a tour of Asia. This will be used as a lead-up to the World Cup elimination matches we will have to play in 1968 and 1969 in order to reach the finals for Mexico in 1970.

These are some of the reasons why we feel you should support soccer. Apart from the fact, of course, that it's the world's number one football game.

● Authorised by J. Bayutti, Chairman of Press and Publicity Sub-Committee, for and on behalf of the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs.



# WE COULD HAVE WON AGAINST ALL ASIANS

All Rangoon turned out to welcome the Burmese soccer team on their return from Bangkok where they had won the Asian Games football gold medal.

In soccer-crazy Asia this crown was the most coveted of all titles to be won in Bangkok.

For the Burmese their triumph was even sweeter as it was the only gold medal they won during the entire Games.

But it was a medal worth its weight in gold.

The Japanese, who have at last succumbed head over heels to the universal charms of soccer, would gladly have relinquished some of the 80 gold medals they had amassed in other sports for the soccer title.

Burma previously had won the 1964 Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur and the Southeast Asian Peninsular Games

in 1961, 1963 and 1965, but were thought to be in decline after losing the 1966 Merdeka final to South Vietnam.

In Bangkok, however, the Burmese turned out the best of a rather disappointing lot.

Frankly, I expected a higher standard of football at the Asian Games.

While I did not expect any team to be as strong as the North Koreans, who are in a class of their own in Asia, or even the Communist Chinese, I was hoping to see some really good football.

Good football, as I was to find out, was rather the exception than the rule at the Asian Games.

By  
Lou Gantier

It could have been the stifling heat, that didn't even abate in the evening when all matches were played as double-headers, or the turbulent atmosphere that prevailed at most matches.

My guess, however, is that all eleven teams in Bangkok, are still a long way from world class — and played accordingly.

I am more convinced than ever that a well prepared Australian team would have shown up better than Burma, Iran and Japan, the three medallists at Bangkok.

Actually, I'm almost sure Australia could have won the Asian title, despite the heat and hysterical atmosphere that surrounded most matches.

I saw no team in Bangkok play as well as the Australians did in the latter stages of their 1965 Southeast Asian tour.

With the exception of Japan, tactically a sound side, none of the teams played with any set pattern.

They didn't bother with 4-2-4s or 4-3-3s, but just played it by ear, although most did pack their defences and operate often only by breakaways.

Although the final table read 1 Burma, 2 Iran, 3 Japan, 4 Singapore, from what I saw (and I saw nearly every match) my rating would be: 1 Burma, 2 Japan, 3 Iran, 4 Indonesia, 5 Thailand, 6 Singapore.

## Slender physique

Burma played some delightful football in patches, but the slender, tiny physique of their players would put them at a big disadvantage against any European or Australian teams.

The Burmese have an air-tight defence, superbly marshalled by a brilliant righthalf, Suk Bahadur, undoubtedly the best player on view at the Games, and an agile, catlike goalie, Tin Aung, who pulled off some remarkable, acrobatic saves.

Their forward-line, however, is weak and rather tentative.

Their forwards hold on to the ball too long and will insist on that extra dribble when a crisp pass would do the trick.

The Burmese only scored eight goals in their six matches and were held twice to a draw (by Thailand and Indonesia), but their defence only conceded two goals (in the one match against Indonesia) and played the major part in their final victory.

I am confident that if Australia and Burma were to meet in the near future, a well trained Australian team would win with something to spare because they are stronger, tackle harder and because their long passes would harass the nimble Burmese into mistakes.



Suk Bahadur, the Burmese captain, dribbles past three Indonesian players in the best match of the Asian Games (2-2).

I'm not so sure that Australia could beat Japan, whom I've placed second although they were surprisingly beaten 1-0 by Iran in the semifinal and only got the bronze medal.

The Japanese have made great strides in soccer since the 1964 Olympic Games.

The sport is booming in Japan where it is tipped, according to Japanese journalists I spoke to in Bangkok, to overtake baseball as the major sport within five years.

The Japanese national team, too, has improved out of sight and was unlucky not to strike gold in Bangkok.

The team that played in Bangkok was nearly the same one that reached the quarterfinals of the Olympic tournament.

That team had been coached by top German expert, Dettmar Cramer, assistant-coach to the West German World Cup team in England, and although he quit Japan 18 months ago, he has left his mark on his former charges.

The Japanese play a most non-Asian type of soccer.

They tackle hard, viciously at times, head the ball like Europeans — whereas most other Asians never do — and above all they were the only side, with the Iranians — who are also European in soccer outlook — whose wingers knew how to cross the ball.

Japan's high crosses in front of their opponents' goalmouth created havoc among the dwarf-sized defences.

The only reason Japan didn't fare better was because they were forced to play three matches in three days and could hardly stand on their feet in their semifinal against Iran, who had enjoyed a 48-hour rest.

The Iranians surprised one and all by taking out the silver medal.

Never known as a soccer nation, they too have made great strides in recent years.

Their players are all tall and strong.

## "Latin" temperament

They are not Asians in the true sense of the word, but Arabs with strains of Caucasian blood (quite a number of their players are fair-haired).

They play a style of football similar to the Greeks and Turks and have a fiery "Latin" temperament that often got them into trouble with referees and spectators.

They dwarfed their opponents in size and their vigorous defence literally terrorised the opposition.

They have some excellent players, endowed with clever ball control, but sometimes lack discipline. Indonesia deserved a berth in the semifinals.

Their 2-2 draw with Burma produced the best soccer of the whole series.

Their players are clever and agile, but lack stamina and shy away from any sort of body contact.

Indonesia would be an attraction in Australia.

Indonesian officials in Bangkok told me they would like to play at least one international a year against Australia.

They badly lack international competition and would welcome closer ties with us.

In their first two outings in Bangkok, Thailand played as a team inspired to thrash South Korea and hold Burma to a draw and looked as though they might even "steal" the Asian title with the help of their fanatical support.

## Thais falter

In the quarterfinal pool, however, the Thais fell to pieces, no doubt because they had made such strenuous efforts in their first two games.

They went down meekly, without a whimper, to Singapore and Japan.

Singapore even surprised themselves by reaching the semifinals.

Their 5-0 win over South Vietnam in the preliminary round was the sensation of the tournament and was achieved through well planned breakaways.

Of the other teams, South Korea and Nationalist China were the most disappointing.

The South Koreans, of whom so much had been expected, fielded a very young team as all their "stars" have retired.

Nationalist China flopped because for the first time the Hong Kong FA put its foot down and barred its star players from playing for China.

Malaysia lost all their matches and are still in the doldrums as are India, the 1962 Asian Games champions.

## All results

**Preliminary Rounds**  
**Group 1**  
Thailand 3 South Korea 0; Burma 1 South Korea 0; Burma 1 Thailand 1.

**Group 2**  
Japan 1 Malaysia 0; Iran 4 India 1; Japan 3 Iran 1; Japan 2 India 1; India 2 Malaysia 1; Iran 2 Malaysia 0.

**Group 3**  
Indonesia 3 Singapore 0; Nationalist China 3 Singapore 3; Indonesia 3 Nationalist China 1; Singapore 5 South Vietnam 0; South Vietnam 2 Nationalist China 1; South Vietnam 0 Indonesia 0.

**Quarter-finals**  
**Group 1**  
Singapore 2 Thailand 0; Japan 5 Thailand 1; Japan 5 Singapore 1.

**Group 2**  
Iran 1 Indonesia 0; Indonesia 2 Burma 2; Burma 1 Iran 0.

**Semifinals**  
Burma 2 Singapore 0; Iran 1 Japan 0.

**Third place play-off**  
Japan 1 Singapore 0.

**Final**  
Burma 1 Iran 0.

● Next week: Is Australia welcome in Asia?

## Bobby is Europe's player of the year

Manchester United and England playmaker Bobby Charlton was named Europe's "Player of the Year" by the French weekly, **FRANCE FOOTBALL**.

The French magazine's award has grown in stature since its inception in 1956 and in the last few years has gained official recognition throughout Europe.

FRANCE FOOTBALL conducts a poll embracing leading soccer writers in 22 European countries, who are asked to nominate their top five players in order of preference.

Charlton had a narrow one-point lead when all votes were counted over Benfica and Portugal's Eusebio, the 1965 "Player of the Year."

Twelve journalists put Charlton on top of their list, but strangely enough England's Brian Glanville did not even mention him, preferring Ball, Moore, Eusebio, Hurst and Beckenbauer, in that order.

Eusebio was the first choice of five journalists.

Holland's Anton Witkamp of Amsterdam's DAGBLAD DE TELEGRAAF and Prague's Jaroslav Salek selected England skipper Bobby Moore as their top choice.

Hungary's Laszlo Lukacs (NEPSZABAD-SAG) picked fellow countryman Florian Albert and Switzerland's Raymond Pittet of the TRIBUNE DE LAUSANNE settled for Portugal's Torres.

Here is the full list of players who collected points in the Europe-wide poll:

1. CHARLTON (Manchester Utd.). 81.
2. Eusebio (Benfica) 80.
3. Beckenbauer (Bayern Munchen) 59.
4. Moore (West Ham) 31.
5. Albert (Ferencváros) 23.
6. Bene (Ujpest) 8.
7. Yashin (Dynamo Moscow) 6.
- Ball (Everton) 6.
- Farkas (Vasas Budapest) 6.
10. Torres (Benfica) 5.
11. Corso (Inter Milan) 4.
- Voronin (Torpedo Moscow) 4.
13. Coluna (Benfica) 3.
14. Asparoukhov (Levski Sofia) 2.
- Hurst (West Ham) 2.
- Mazzola (Inter Milan) 2.
- Banks (Leicester) 2.
18. Dunne (Manchester United) 1.
- Schulz (Hamburger SV) 1.
- Law (Manchester Utd.) 1.
- Van Himst (Anderlecht) 1.
- Chislenko (Dynamo Moscow) 1.
- Haller (Bologna) 1.

There a few sidelights to the 1966 ratings.

● The total eclipse of Inter Milan and Italy's fullback, Giacinto Facchetti the 1965 runner-up. Europe's leading attacking fullback was a notable victim of Italy's disastrous World Cup campaign that shook him badly.

● The presence of three Hungarians in the list of best players underlines the re-emergence of Hungarian soccer and the magnificent Hungary-Brazil World Cup clash.

● The overnight rise of the new German sensation, Franz Beckenbauer, to the top when he was almost unknown at the start of 1966.

● The presence of the ever-green Lev Yashin in the top ratings in which he figured every year since 1960.

● Three previous European players of the year were again named among the Continent's best in 1966: Eusebio, Yashin and Law.

Previous European "Player of the Year" awards went to:

- Stanley Matthews 1956.
- Alfredo Di Stefano 1957.
- Raymond Kopa 1958.
- Alfredo Di Stefano 1959.
- Luis Suarez 1960.
- Omar Sivori 1961.
- Josef Masopust 1962.
- Lev Yashin 1963.
- Denis Law 1964.
- Eusebio 1965.

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## ROUND THE WORLD

### Burma will tour

Asian Games champions, Burma, will undertake a European tour in May and June. The Burmese will play in Israel, Turkey, Scandinavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. This will be Burma's first appearance outside Asia. At the end of the year Burma will defend their Southeast Asian Peninsular title at the SEAP Games which will be held in Phnom-Penh in early December.

### Hit coach — outed

Two Spanish players from Zaragoza have been suspended for two months and fined \$500 each by the Spanish FA for hitting their coach, Fernando Daucik, after a recent match against Cordoba. The Spanish FA took the matters into their own hands after the lenient attitude of the club who only suspended the players for one week and fined them \$50.

### Hungarian to stay

Sandor Matrai, the Ferencvaros and Hungary fullback recently told an interviewer in Budapest that he intended to stay in top football for at least two more years. The 34-year-old Matrai was reportedly approached by St. George-Budapest last year.

### "Hot seat" unwanted

So far all those invited to take over the Uruguay national team have declined the offer. Main reason is that coaches and managers are afraid of the vast influence of Montevideo's two leading clubs, Penarol and Nacional without whose full co-operation no national team can be built.

### Benfica's offer

Benfica have offered \$125,000 for the tall Bulgarian centre forward, Asparoukhov. However, the player and his club both rejected the offer.

### Chile's festival

Early February a big international tourney will be staged in Chile. Teams to compete are Universidad and Colo-Colo of Chile, Santos of Brazil, Vasas of Hungary, Rapid of Austria and the Russian Olympic team.

### Herrera's choice

Helenio Herrera, too, has selected his best players for 1966. The fabulous Inter Milan coach, however, did not pick a "team of the year," but picked the players he fancied according to their positions on the field. His choices: *goalkeepers* — Yashin, Sarti; *backs* — Beckenbauer, Facchetti, Moore; *midfield players* — Onega, Haller, Albert, Corso, Voronin, Bobby Charlton; *forwards* — Spencer, Eusebio, Mazzola, Gondet, Chislenko, Farkas, Amancio, Suarez.

### Top goalies in decline

West Germany's recent three international goalkeepers are languishing in their clubs' reserve grade sides. Sawitzki, the VFB Stuttgart goalie is only the stand-in for Pfeifer; Fahrman can't dislodge the Yugoslav Petar Radenkovic at Munchen 1860 and Tilkowski, a 1966 World Cup finalist, has been replaced by Wessel in the Borussia Dortmund side.

### They all want Bonds

Charlton Athletic's 20-year-old fullback, Billy Bonds, is the most sought after defender in British football today. Bonds is regarded as the most promising fullback in the country and a "certainty" for the 1970 World Cup. Arsenal, Wolverhampton, Leicester, Liverpool and Sunderland are bidding for his services. Within a few weeks Bonds is expected to be transferred for at least \$150,000.

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**O**f the 16 team managers in the last World Cup only five still retain their posts today: Ramsey (England), Schoen (West Germany), Trelles (Mexico), Foni (Switzerland) and Myung Re Hyung (North Korea). Trelles and Foni, however, are not expected to see the year through.

● Real Madrid and Inter Milan will meet in the quarterfinal of the European Cup on February 15 in Milan and March 1 in Madrid.

● Florian Albert, Hungary's centre-forward, played as a guest player for Flamengo during his recent Rio holiday.

● Two foreign stars of Italy's calcio will move next season. West German Haller will leave Bologna for a Bundesliga club and the Brazilian Vinicio, annoyed at only being a reserve with Inter Milan, may join AS Roma or Fiorentina.

● Just Fontaine is almost certain to become the manager-coach-selector of France's national team next month.

● Franz Beckenbauer has also gone into the recording business. The German idol has recorded two songs: "You Alone" and "Good Friends."

● Brazil's national team has agreed to play two matches in Japan in April. The Brazilians will get \$30,000 per match in Tokyo and Osaka. The Japanese will charge a flat admission charge of \$3.00 and expect capacity crowds of 75,000 in Tokyo and 60,000 in Osaka.

● Evaristo, the Brazilian centre-forward who played in Spain for eight years, is now the coach of America Rio.

● Zeze Moreira and Zizinho are tipped to take over Brazil's national team soon. Moreira coached the 1954 World Cup Brazilian side and Zizinho played 37 times for Brazil between 1948 and 1953.

● Penarol, the world champion club from Montevideo, Uruguay, will tour the USA, Canada, Mexico and Brazil starting this weekend.

● West German club Meiderich have changed their name to MSV Duisburg.

● Lula, the sacked Santos coach, is likely to join a Buenos Aires club.

● The Americans are now after four of Belgium's top players: Jurion, Trappeniers, Puis and Plaskie. A German agent, Gunther Schwab, will soon visit Brussels to negotiate with the Anderlecht stars.

● Universidad Catolica are the new champions of Chile, ahead of Colo Colo and Wanderers. Santiago and Ferrabadminton have been relegated.

● West Germany beat Luxembourg 2-0 at Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) last week.

● FC Vienna, the Austrian club, is seeking the services of Willem Schroif, the former Slovan Bratislava and Czechoslovakia goalkeeper.

● Di Stefano has rejected an offer to coach Betis, the Spanish club which recently sacked its coach Bello.

● Borussia Dortmund's international forwards Held and Emmerich were married in a double wedding ceremony last week.

● Chilean soccer is facing a grave crisis. The FA showed a deficit of \$350,000 for 1966, mainly because of very high government taxes.

● Pele's new-born daughter has been named Kelly-Cristina.

● The West German FA (DFB) made \$200,000 out of the recent World Cup.

● Albrecht, the Argentinian defender who was sent off in the World Cup match against West Germany in England, has been transferred from San Lorenzo to River Plate for \$260,000.

● Helenio Herrera, West German national coach Helmut Schoen and Hungary's Illovszky are currently lecturing at the USSR Coaching Seminar in Moscow.

● Joao Havelange has been re-elected for three years as president of the Brazilian All-Sports Confederation, CBD.

● Eusebio of Portugal and Farkas of Hungary were last year's most prolific goalscorers in full internationals, with 12 goals each.

● Fenerbahce lead in the Turkish championship at the halfway mark from Besiktas.

● Nilton Santos the former Botafogo and Brazil fullback is now his old club's manager.

● Liverpool is the favorite for the FA Cup with the bookies rating their chances at 15/2. Then follow Manchester United 8/1, Leeds and West Ham 11/1, Chelsea and Tottenham 12/1.

● Eusebio's autobiography is a best-seller in Portugal: so far 15,000 copies have been sold.

### World class Germans

According to the West German sports magazine KICKER five German players are in "world class": Schulz, Beckenbauer, Seeler, Weber and Overath. Another five are in "international class": Maier, Hottges, Kuppers, Doerfel and Held. KICKER publishes these lists every year.

## SCOREBOARD

**BELGIUM:** Racing White 3-0; Sparta v. Go Ahead 1-0; v. Tilleur 3-0; Bruges v. Standard Liege 4-2; Malines v. MVV v. Feyenoord 1-0; DWS v. Ajax 1-1; Twente v. GVA v. NAC v. Fortuna Geelen 2-2; Elinkwijk v. ADO 0-1.

**ITALY:** Atalanta v. Foggia 2-0; Bologna v. Vicenza 2-0; Cagliari v. Brescia 2-0; Fiorentina v. AS Roma 2-2; Inter Milan v. Mantova 1-1; Lazio v. Juventus 0-0; Lecco v. Milan AC 1-1; Torino v. Napoli 0-0; Venezia v. Spal 1-0.

**SPAIN:** Granada v. Sevilla 0-0; Pontevedra v. Hercules 2-1; Elche v. Bilbao 1-1; Sabadell v. Barcelona 2-0; Cordoba v. Valencia 2-1; Zaragoza v. Las Palmas 4-1; Atletico Madrid v. Coruna 4-0; Espanol v. Real Madrid 2-3.

**HOLLAND:** PSV v. Willem II 4-1; Sittardia v. DOS

### Yugoslavia wants players back

The Yugoslav FA will send youthful national team-manager Rajko Mitic to West Germany and France to negotiate the release of the many Yugoslav internationals operating there for Yugoslavia's European Nations Cup matches this year. Mitic will seek to obtain the services of Skoblar, Kovacevic and Takac from France and Soskic, Radenkovic, Bena, Jusufi, Vukov, Durkovic, Perusic, Milandinovic, Sekularac, Pavlic and Anko-vic from West Germany.

### Furore in Portugal

A report by Uruguay's leading daily, EPOCA, created a furore in Portugal. According to the Montevideo newspaper, World Champions Penarol have offered Eusebio a signing-on fee of \$180,000 to join them and would be prepared to pay up to \$1,400,000 to Benfica for his release. Eusebio, however, has a contract that binds him to Benfica until June 1969 and is certain to remain in Portugal until then. Best bet is that Eusebio will move to Italy once his contract with Benfica expires.

### Di Stefano ignored

Thousands of Argentinians were asked by the Buenos Aires newspaper SPORT to name the 10 greatest Argentine players of all times. This is the result of the poll: 1 Moreno, 2 Pedernera, 3 Erico, 4 Pontoni, 5 Carrizo, 6 Sastre, 7 Gomez, 8 Garcia, 9 Bossi, 10 Marzolini. Surprise omissions are Di Stefano, Labruna and Loustau.

### European Cup changes

The UEFA (Europe's governing soccer body) has suggested changes for the next European Cup. The UEFA will propose that teams be seeded in the first round to avoid glamour teams meeting each other straight away. They will also recommend that goals scored in "away" matches count double as in the Cup-Winners' Cup, thus avoiding play-offs. These changes are certain to be ratified at the UEFA's next meeting in May.

### "Unknown" to lead Austria

Erwin Alge, an "unknown", has been given the hot seat of Austrian soccer. Alge, 43, last week was appointed manager of the Austrian national team to every one's surprise. He is little known president of the Vorarlberg League and the first provincial to be appointed to such an important position in Austrian soccer.

### French club may disband

Another French club may be forced to disband owing to financial difficulties. Latest club in trouble is Lille, once one of France's top clubs. The municipality of the city refused to allocate its annual grant to the club this year and as a result Lille are unable to clear their \$100,000 debt. Since World War II, eight French clubs have gone into liquidation: Ales, Sete, Marseille II, Nancy, Le Havre, Troyes, Perpignan and Racing Paris.

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# SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

**MAX TOLSON** is expected to return from England in time to play for South Coast against St. George-Budapest on Sunday. Tolson will be accompanied by his English girl friend whom he will marry soon in Wollongong. The young Australian star is expected to rejoin his English club, Workington, at the start of the 1967-68 British season. Tolson is likely to play at centre-half for South Coast. His return has created tremendous interest on the South Coast where improved attendances are predicted this season to see him in action.

ST. GEORGE-BUDAPEST held an all-day picnic last Saturday at Windsor. More than 200 club supporters and players turned up.

**LES SCHEINFLUG** has not started proper training because of a painful leg injury. Doctors instructed him to have a complete rest from soccer for some weeks.

Pan Hellenic's unpredictable but clever winger **ROY BLITZ** is now officially due back in Sydney within a fortnight.

**PETER BANICEVIC**, given a free transfer by St. George, is exploring the ways and means of joining a club in the breakaway US Pro League.

Corinthians' newest English signing, **JOHN HERPE**, who joined the club at the end of last season, is expected to strengthen the side considerably. In their quest for new talent, Corinthians will be concentrating on local Australian youth.

**PAN HELLENIC** beat **POLONIA-NS** 4-3 in a trial match in near-century heat at Wentworth Park last Saturday. A crowd of 800 saw Smith (2), Karyannis and Logan score for Pan Hellenic and Krawiarz get all three Polonia's goals.

Second Division club **BALGOWNIE** (formerly Wollongong Olympic) have enlisted the aid of two women to help run the club in the 1967 season. Mrs. Noel James will control the club's purse strings as treasurer and Mrs. Ula Simister was elected on the Management Committee at the annual general meeting. Both women have been associated with junior soccer at Balgownie for many years and both have previously held administrative positions.

**SOT PATRINOS** will be out of action for a few weeks. The livewire Pan Hellenic utility player bursted a blood vessel in a recent midweek practice game against Prague and may need a minor operation.

Second Division Sutherland are interested in securing the services of Melita Eagles' veteran **DON BROWN** who nearly joined Prague late last year as third grade coach.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Australian Federation will be held in Melbourne on February 25-26.

**JACK CURRY** of Croatia came through his first serious

test since his back injury early last season with flying colors last Saturday. In the trial match against APIA, the Irish-born stopper showed he had fully recovered and was set for a good 1967 season.

**HAKOAH** are seeking promising juniors between the ages of eight and 16 for their junior teams. Thorough coaching under Tiko Jeliscavcic will be given, starting on Saturday, February 4, on Cricket Pitch No. 21 at Centennial Park at 3 p.m. All lads chosen to play in Hakoah's "A" grade junior representative teams in the Eastern Suburbs competitions will be supplied with a full strip free of charge.

**CROATIA** have been invited to inaugurate the new floodlights at the Speers Point football ground in Newcastle. They will meet Lake Macquarie there this weekend.

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The Australian Federation last weekend lifted the life suspension on former Canterbury star **SARAVAKOS**. Saravakos' suspension was reduced to three years.

Hakoah's two new acquisitions from Latrobe, Queensland, **RED EDMUNDS** and **KEITH JONES**, have settled down nicely in Sydney. Both work at the PMG's Telephone Exchange branch and share a flat at Cooee. The two former Queenslanders have created a fine impression at training and seem almost certain to soon secure permanent first team berths.

**JOHNNY GIACOMETTI** has not yet come to terms with APIA and missed last week's trial match against Croatia.

**JOHNNY SANCHEZ**, the brilliant Pan Hellenic half-back, will play in the Ampol Cup on Friday although he has been placed on transfer at his own request.

Former South Coast captain coach **JIM KELLY** plans to retire from soccer at the end of the present English season in May. He is now player-coach with non-league club Fleetwood. In a letter to Syd Fairs, the South Coast secretary, Kelly said that he would hang up his boots in May and devote more time to his flourishing insurance business.

The names of the two New Caledonian players who will join Hakoah for extensive coaching soon are **MARCEL ATOUA**, a halfback, and **MARC BECIW**, a fullback. If they prove themselves good enough they may join the club as contracted players.

**CROATIA** have secured six Saturday dates during the premiership at Erskineville

Oval. Should they be unable to get them, they will play those games at Redfern on Friday nights as in 1966.

**ANTON MORAVCIK**, Prague's Czechoslovak forward is due to return to his native Bratislava in a week or two.

**TIBOR ZUCKERMAN**, the former Budapest captain, has been put on the transfer list by his club for \$2000.

A 22-year-old Scottish left-half, **ANTON McALLISTER**, is seeking to join an Australian club. McAllister will settle in Sydney soon from Edinburgh. He played for Blackpool's minor teams two years ago and is now training with Hearts of Midlothian. McAllister can be contacted at 22 Glenorchy Terrace, Room 7, Newington, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Hakoah coach **TIKO JELISAVCIC** negotiated with two players while he was on holidays in Yugoslavia before Christmas. The two Yugoslavs will join Hakoah once their visas are issued, which may take some time.

A promising 19-year-old, **JOHN BELL**, joined St. George-Budapest this week from Auckland, New Zealand. Bell is English and his father was once an Aston Villa star.

South Coast have signed 19-year-old **ROBERT BANKS**, a talented centre-forward from Illawarra district club Fernhill. Banks is being hailed on the Coast as another Tolson, whom he resembles in build and style.

Croatia's talented young winghalf, **RAY CUSH**, was unable to play in last Saturday's trial match against APIA. Cush is on the NSW Police Force and all police leave was cancelled last Saturday because of the visit of South Vietnam's Air Vice-Marshal Ky.

South Coast will sign the Latrobe (Queensland) utility player **JAMES STRACHAN** in time for their Ampol Cup debut on Sunday. Strachan played for Montrose in Scotland when they gained promotion to First Division two years ago. He can play equally well at fullback or centre-forward. Strachan is likely to replace Pat Woods at right back for the provincials.

**BILL STOVELAAR**, for seven years with Sydney Austral before becoming one of Sydney's top junior coaches, has been appointed assistant-coach of Pan Hellenic. Stovelaar is seeking 15 to 17 year-olds for the club's third grade side at coaching sessions he is conducting at Wentworth Park outer at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**GEORGE YARDLEY** last week cabled his former club, St. George-Budapest, that his wife has given birth to their first child, a son. She is in Scotland with her parents while "Big George" is slamming in the goals for Tranmere in England.

**CROATIA** gave an impressive display to beat APIA 4-3 in a trial match at Wentworth Park last Saturday. The Croatia team was: Corry; Lincoln, Bonham; Sloan (Bonanza). Curry, Spedden; Reynolds, Swoboda, Horne, Giles, Tyrrell. Jim Horne is a young Scotsman from Queensland who came to Sydney to play with Hornsby-North End in July last year.

Pan Hellenic hope to get the clearance from Panionios, Greece, for their new centre-half, **JIM DOUNIAS**, soon. Dounias came to Australia late last season via the Apollo club of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He made a fine impression in his only game in Australia — against South Melbourne-Hellas at Wentworth Park.

**SOUTH COAST UNITED** and **MELITA EAGLES** played a 2-2 draw in a trial match at Woonona last Sunday. Despite the searing heat (102 degrees) more than 600 spectators turned up. This was South Coast's second draw in a trial match this year. The previous weekend they played a 1-1 with Cumberland.

A great young Sydney talent seems to be going to waste. We refer to **DENIS YAAGER**, the brilliant 19-year-old who returned late last year from England where he was on Everton's books. Yaager, who is bound to Canterbury, has not trained properly since his return and wants to join another club. Croatia have offered three players, including Eduardo Massey, for Yaager, but Canterbury for the moment won't hear of it.

Balgownie's coaching position was given to **PAT STANLEY**, who although still being retained as a player by Pan Hellenic, was granted permission to coach the Balgownie side next season. Stanley transferred to Pan Hellenic early last year from South Coast United who brought him from England in 1964.

Hakoah secretary **HARRY LAKMAKER** made a rush trip to Newcastle last week. Although Hakoah are keeping it a big secret, we have it from a reliable source that **RAY BAARTZ**, the talented forward, has been approached to join the 1966 Grand Final winners.

Progressive amateur club **ARNCLIFFE SCOTS** start training at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, February 5, at Bexley Park, Stony Creek Road, Bexley. The club is looking for players from 15 years of age up in all positions, preferably residing in the St. George area. For inquiries ring coach R. Warren on 53-7428, or president W. Payne, 644-1454.

Leading referee **ARTHUR BROWN** was seriously injured in a car smash just before Christmas. He is still in hospital. Our best wishes go to him for a speedy recovery.

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## U.S. BRACED FOR DOGFIGHT

Joe Bruna, the former Prague and N.S.W. Federation official, sends his regards from California to Sydney friends.

Business interests have prevented him from taking the interest in soccer that he would prefer, but he is a member of Kickers Victoria, California's premier club.

He points out that soccer organisation in the USA is badly split.

In California, the 60-year-old Great Los Angeles League has a challenger in an organisation known as the "Continental League."

Bruna is now vice-president and controller of a large holding company for a group of savings and commercial banks.

The following is his brief report on the US scene.

The United States Soccer Football Association (endorsed by FIFA) has now officially approved establishment of 12 major clubs to compete in the 1968 National League.

The 1967 program features professional teams from Europe and Latin America in 36 exhibition games in 12 cities.

These 12 cities have a combined population in excess of 20,000,000.

Seven clubs are grouped around the East Coast and Great Lakes area.

They are Boston, New York, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and Toronto (Canada).

Two clubs, Dallas and Houston, are Texas-based.

The remaining clubs are on the West Coast — Los Angeles and San Francisco, plus Vancouver (Canada).

Number One personality behind the League is a Canadian millionaire turned-American, Jack Kent Cooke.

Cooke is currently completing issue of franchises to interested businessmen in the respective cities, after purchasing the head franchise from the USSFA.

Kent Cooke's interests in professional sport have ranged from ice hockey and American football to baseball and soccer.

He has been regarded as an extremely competent and astute businessman, who earned his first million in Canadian radio.

A Yugoslav-born restaurant owner, a Mr. Tanna, will run the National Professional Soccer League.

This League is outlawed by FIFA.

Tanna sponsored touring teams in various US cities last year.

He has handled various overseas teams on tour, including Real Madrid, Stuttgart and Bremen.

In good old American style, the better business dealer may well ultimately win the prize of running the premier soccer outfit.

The huge American spectator sport market is big enough to include soccer as a strong minority sport.

Even so, there are a mass of variables to give the next few years plenty of interest.

One point about local talent.

In few games is there organised junior play, as we understand the NSW enthusiastic junior set-up.

There is plenty of room for coaching juvenile players, and some clubs have already decided to run "farm clubs."

KEITH GILMOUR.

## Delves now life member

Veteran Newcastle administrator Sam Delves was appointed a life member of the Northern Soccer League at its December Annual Meeting.

Delves was also retained as president for 1967.

R. English was re-appointed secretary of the League after a close tussle with Reg Wright.

New faces in the administration include W. England, a former first grade referee, and S. Stevenson, a live-wire recruit from junior ranks.

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# Wasteful Spartans held well in Victoria

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Sparta of Czechoslovakia gave a slightly disappointing display last Sunday in beating a Slavia-Hellas combined 2-0.

Sparta's finishing was surprisingly poor and the main culprit in this was their highly rated star, Kvasnak.

The Czechs left out three experienced campaigners in Pospichal, Migas and Masek.

Even so, their team looked more formidable on paper than the one fielded in Sydney.

In the first half Sparta had the Melbourne combined on the defensive but failed to score.

In fact, they showed very little true class apart from the brilliant youngster Jurkanin and wing half Mozis.

Jurkanin, capable of beating four defenders on a threepence, twice hit the woodwork with snapshots.

At this stage the Melbourne defence played heroically with Randles the star.

In the second half the Melbourne team improved vastly and several times threatened the Sparta goal.

The visitors played uninspiring soccer and only regained their composure towards the end.

The first Sparta goal was the result of a most doubtful penalty, converted by Kvasnak.

a sizeable lead by half time.

Jurkanin was the only forward willing to shoot, the others seldom even attempted it.

The Melbourne team more than held their own in the second half — and, ironically enough, that's when they got beaten.

Sparta's best men were Jurkanin, Mozis and Vesely while Melbourne's Randles, Anderson and McCorquodale.

Details:

Slavia-Hellas: Wenzl, Shepherd, High, Randles, Cook, Bedford, Damanikos (Goodwin), Reid, Anderson, Pyrgolis, McCorquodale.

Sparta: Kouba, Tichy, Kos, Laciga, Vojta, Mozis, Vesely, Krtil, Kvasnak, Jurkanin, Dyba (Vrana).

Scorers: Kvasnak 57 min. (pen.), Vrana 85 min.

Referee: R. Lamb. Crowd: 8,000.

## CUP DISPLAYS MUST IMPROVE

With a crowd reduction in the second round and two uninspiring games, the teams playing this weekend in the third round of the Victorian Ampol Cup series carry an added responsibility.

Unless renewed efforts are made by the players, the possibilities are that the fans who are paying 80 cents a time will have second thoughts on making Olympic Park a regular outing on Friday nights.

ponents the run around.

Hakoah must sharpen their reflexes and as slow starters may come nearer their true form with one game under their belt.

Still, Hellas should grab full points here.

SM Hellas v. Hakoah (7.45 p.m.)

Old friends meet here and both will have to show decided improvements on their first games if they hope to have any serious chance of making the semis.

Hellas have the pace to give their more cumbersome op-

Melbourne v. Juventus (9.15 p.m.)

After two rounds Melbourne appeal most as one of the best chances for the semi-finals.

They play soccer without frills and with a steady and capable defence urging on an attack that takes the shortest route to goal they turn on the brand of soccer the crowd wants to see.

Unless Juventus stop permutating their side and stick to an orthodox formation, they will get nowhere fast.

Melbourne should make no mistake here and clinch a place in the semis with a good win.

— B.L.

## THREE TO MAKE MONDAY DEBUT

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The 1967 debut of Juventus, Croatia and Victoria will highlight Monday night's Ampol Cup program at Norwood Oval.

USC Lion, with one game under their belt, will oppose solid Victoria in the early game and Juventus will tackle Croatia in the late match.

Lion, despite the absence of former coach Jim Mill (transfer dispute) and Mike Muzyka (burst blood vessel) were impressive in their draw with Austria.

Victoria will have only one addition to their 1966 surprise packet team which finished the season in third place.

He is defender Tony Hadington from Elizabeth City.

Victoria's efforts to get Juventus pair De Luca and Coronica failed.

With all of last year's team available, Victoria could have an edge over Lion.

Much will depend on the form of devastating forward Peter McKenzie who can run riot with any defence.

Croatia, rejoicing at the return of former SA half back Frank Lister, have had their confidence dented by an accident to Billy Graham.

The burly centre-half had 18 stitches in his left foot following an accident with a lawnmower.

Graham hopes to be fit to play on Monday.

Juventus have tightened their purse strings after last year's riotous spending spree.

They will oppose Croatia with only one import, Giovan-

ni Meneghetti, from AC Milan.

The powerfully built youngster will be the focal point of what should be an outstanding match.

West Adelaide Hellas and Seaciff-Austria, both held to draws in their opening games, should figure in a titanic struggle for points on Thursday night.

Austria, under new coach Harry Jones senior and with new signings Bob McLuckie (Birkalla) and Harry Jones (Budapest), looked a more capable side than last year.

In a "new-broom" policy, Austria have discarded Kurt Leitner, Alan Perry, Eric Gramann, Eddie Gruber and Roman Kaufmann.

They will have speedy full-back, Steve Lipapis and goalkeeper Osornich back for Thursday's match.

However, deputy 'keeper Schirrig may be retained because of his great game against Lion.

Hellas, despite the absence of 1966 regulars, Peter Jaksa and Ted De Lyster, sparked brightly against Polonia.

Their incoming forwards Alex Zervas and "Maverick" Kilishiri were a revelation.

Hellas failed to gain maximum points, however, because Udo Joschke was out of touch and Alec Byrne was rarely sighted in the second half.

Port Adelaide will need to

make team and positional changes if they are to hold the speedy Budapest youngsters.

Magpie coach Johnny Baipnes played a sweeper role behind his defence against Enfield.

He was effective but it is a pity to see his goal scoring talents wasted.

### ADELAIDE PROGRAM

NORWOOD OVAL

Monday, January 30

Victoria v. USC Lion

7.30 p.m.

Juventus v. Croatia

9.00 p.m.

Thursday February 2

Budapest v. Port

Adelaide

7.30 p.m.

WA Hellas v. Seaciff-

Austria

9.00 p.m.

## Budapest surprise

Despite the brilliance of Hellas and Polonia, the major talking point after last Thursday's Ampol Cup games was the lively performance of the young Budapest team.

The enterprising Burnside boys held experienced Enfield City to a 2-2 draw and Polonia and Hellas reached the same result in an exciting, high standard game.

The 5,000 crowd were treated to eight great goals in an evening of value plus entertainment.

Scorers: Batchelor and Parsons for Enfield City; Pike and Bailey for Budapest. Kilishiri and Zervas for WA Hellas; Typek and Hamence for Polonia.

## SPARTA WIN 8-2 IN S.A.

Sparta Prague dazzled and confounded South Australia in a spectacular 8-2 win last Tuesday night before 10,000 enthralled fans at Norwood Oval, Adelaide.

The Czechs used their speed and finesse to lead 5-0 at halftime.

South Australia were far from demoralised, however, as they fought back tenaciously to score two good second half goals whilst Sparta added three.

The brilliant Sparta side were superbly marshalled by Kvasnak who roamed the field tirelessly.

Former Chelsea player Tommy McColl was South Australia's most constructive player while Johnny Perin, Eddie Typek and Wallie Fedczyezin, who came into goal in the second half, enhanced their reputations.

Details:

South Australia: Romanowicz (Fedczyezin); Marusic, Balter; Worthington, Burdett (Brown), Perin; Pantelis, McColl, Typek, Lovell (Manka), Cruz.

Sparta: Kramerius; Chovanec, Kos; Tichy, Migas, Mozis; Vesely, Dyba, Kvasnak, Jurkanin, Vrana. Also played: Kouba, Hudcovsky, Laciga, Krtil.

Scorers: Kvasnak (2), Vrana (2), Jurkanin, Mozis, Vesely, Dyba for Sparta; Cruz and Pantelis for South Australia.

Referee: D. Grant. Crowd: 10,000.

A. CRISP.

### SLAVIA'S BID

Slavia are making an all-out bid to secure Sparta Prague's 30-year-old forward, Tomas Pospichal.

Slavia admitted having approached Sparta for the services of the Czech international.

They hope to conclude negotiations for his transfer by the time Sparta leave Australia next Tuesday.



NIGEL SHEPHERD

Second half replacement Vrana scored the second five minutes from the final whistle.

There is no doubt that poor finishing cost Sparta

## CROATIA ALONE CAN TAKE BOW

Few would claim that Victorian soccer was on the crest after watching the two games in the Ampol Cup series at Olympic Park last Friday night.

It was an all time low in standards and of the four participating teams only Croatia showed some semblance of skill and co-ordination.

Croatia v. Hakoah 2-1

Croatia, without former coach and captain Duncan McKay still under suspension, rearranged their defence and brought back former APIA player Bobby McLachlan to fullback — his first real competitive game since he broke his leg against Melbourne last season.

Croatia were also without Australian World Cup inside forward Hammy McMeachan, now back in Scotland.

Two first half goals put Croatia in easy street as their undersized attack waltzed round a lead-footed Hakoah defence.

One late goal was insufficient for Hakoah to share the points.

Scorers: J. McKay and Adlam for Croatia; Jim O'Neill for Hakoah.

Juventus v. Polonia 0-0

What a dreary, dismal game this was, with aimless soccer and little prospect of a goal being scored by either side.

Polonia were on the usual lines with a strong sprinkling of youth and a few veterans.

Juventus were minus Scott, Millar and Luckhurst for some reason or other and fielded a makeshift side with some really queer team placings.

### Vic. squad

This is the Victorian squad for the second Melbourne match against Sparta at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Olympic Park:

Young (Slavia), Surma (Melbourne), Shepherd (Slavia), Anderson (Hellas), Taylor (Melbourne), Janczyk (Polonia), J. McKay (Croatia), Pyrgolis (Hellas), Cook (Slavia), Abonyi (Melbourne), Armstrong (Hakoah), Norman (Juventus), Vojtek (Croatia), Plaskota (Polonia).

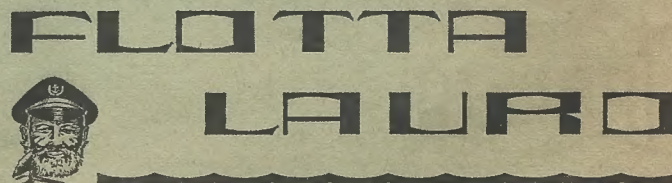
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